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Medicare in Alabama, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Alabama in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 37 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 39% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 11 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 401,408 people in Alabama with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Alabama have saved \$98,930,750 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2014.
- Beneficiaries can compare plans at www.medicare.gov starting October 1.

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Alaska in 2014:

- 28 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 58% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 11 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 27,825 people in Alaska with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Alaska have saved \$4,877,962 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Arizona, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Arizona in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 73 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 28% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 11 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 325,155 people in Arizona with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Arizona have saved \$123,363,133 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

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Medicare in Arkansas, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Arkansas in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 45 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 40% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 12 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 232,524 people in Arkansas with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Arkansas have saved \$57,944,135 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in California, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In California in 2014:

- 97% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 269 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 35% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 9 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 1,633,905 people in California with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in California have saved \$573,726,255 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Colorado, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Colorado in 2014:

- 93% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 38 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 26% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 5 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 203,658 people in Colorado with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Colorado have saved \$73,541,954 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Connecticut, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Connecticut in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 20 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 38% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 8 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 258,021 people in Connecticut with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Connecticut have saved \$95,697,918 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Delaware, 2014

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In Delaware in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 10 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 26% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 94,709 people in Delaware with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Delaware have saved \$29,899,951 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in District of Columbia, 2014

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In District of Columbia in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 11 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 66% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 34,492 people in District of Columbia with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in District of Columbia have saved \$4,737,704 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Florida, 2014

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In Florida in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 318 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 31% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 5 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 1,459,733 people in Florida with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Florida have saved \$463,563,866 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Georgia, 2014

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In Georgia in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 68 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 38% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 9 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 577,006 people in Georgia with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Georgia have saved \$197,598,894 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Hawaii, 2014

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In Hawaii in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 21 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 29 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 26% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 4 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

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Medicare in Idaho, 2014

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In Idaho in 2014:

- 94% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 35 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 37 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
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- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 76,749 people in Idaho with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Idaho have saved \$26,196,692 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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- Beneficiaries can compare plans at www.medicare.gov starting October 1.

December

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Medicare in Illinois, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Illinois in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 73 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 38 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 33% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 14 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 940,976 people in Illinois with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Illinois have saved \$271,877,084 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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Medicare in Indiana, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Indiana in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 54 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 28% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 15 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 439,639 people in Indiana with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Indiana have saved \$175,465,548 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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Medicare in Iowa, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Iowa in 2014:

- 99% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 39 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 23% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 10 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 238,443 people in Iowa with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Iowa have saved \$75,839,012 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Kansas, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Kansas in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 35 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 25% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 192,316 people in Kansas with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Kansas have saved \$69,220,763 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Kentucky, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Kentucky in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 29 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 38% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 15 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 340,165 people in Kentucky with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Kentucky have saved \$141,019,279 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Louisiana, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Louisiana in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 41 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 42% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 14 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 288,511 people in Louisiana with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Louisiana have saved \$105,310,700 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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October

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Medicare in Maine, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Maine in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 39 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 32 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 50% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 7 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 122,818 people in Maine with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Maine have saved \$20,612,892 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Maryland, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Maryland in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 27 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 35% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 423,686 people in Maryland with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Maryland have saved \$103,200,815 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Massachusetts, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Massachusetts in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 87 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 40% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 8 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 533,059 people in Massachusetts with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Massachusetts have saved \$115,431,030 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Michigan, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Michigan in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 106 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 26% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 729,570 people in Michigan with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Michigan have saved \$214,659,151 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Minnesota, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Minnesota in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 25 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 24% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 10 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 183,921 people in Minnesota with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Minnesota have saved \$105,484,297 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Mississippi, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Mississippi in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 33 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 48% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 244,355 people in Mississippi with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Mississippi have saved \$58,208,657 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Missouri, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Missouri in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 65 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 30% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 8 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 420,185 people in Missouri with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Missouri have saved \$141,911,357 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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- Beneficiaries can compare plans at www.medicare.gov starting October 1.

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Medicare in Montana, 2014

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In Montana in 2014:

- 99% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 15 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 27% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 10 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 64,356 people in Montana with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Montana have saved \$19,147,142 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

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October

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Medicare in Nebraska, 2014

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In Nebraska in 2014:

- 88% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 15 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 24% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 10 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 117,423 people in Nebraska with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Nebraska have saved \$43,634,115 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

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October

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Medicare in Nevada, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Nevada in 2014:

- 97% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 28 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 26% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 4 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 129,000 people in Nevada with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Nevada have saved \$40,627,094 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in New Hampshire, 2014

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In New Hampshire in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 19 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 32 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 30% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 7 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 120,110 people in New Hampshire with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in New Hampshire have saved \$24,923,850 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in New Jersey, 2014

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In New Jersey in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 38 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 27% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 12 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 695,538 people in New Jersey with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in New Jersey have saved \$370,405,465 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in New Mexico, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In New Mexico in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 35 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 35% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 7 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 106,686 people in New Mexico with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in New Mexico have saved \$34,748,973 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

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Medicare in New York, 2014

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In New York in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 228 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 31 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 37% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 8 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 1,173,051 people in New York with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in New York have saved \$515,529,946 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in North Carolina, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In North Carolina in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 52 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 33% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 10 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 769,821 people in North Carolina with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in North Carolina have saved \$209,359,023 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in North Dakota, 2014

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In North Dakota in 2014:

- 77% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 4 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 22% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 10 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 47,493 people in North Dakota with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in North Dakota have saved \$16,824,604 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Ohio, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Ohio in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 94 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 37 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 26% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 12 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 653,422 people in Ohio with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Ohio have saved \$349,825,273 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Oklahoma, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Oklahoma in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 35 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 34% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 12 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 259,847 people in Oklahoma with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Oklahoma have saved \$88,788,781 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Oregon, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Oregon in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 90 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 26% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 12 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 178,226 people in Oregon with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Oregon have saved \$75,060,478 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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- Beneficiaries can compare plans at www.medicare.gov starting October 1.

December

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Medicare in Pennsylvania, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Pennsylvania in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 183 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 39 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 28% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 769,027 people in Pennsylvania with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Pennsylvania have saved \$463,997,310 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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Medicare in Puerto Rico, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Puerto Rico in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 52 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 13 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 2% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$3.30 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 0 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 46,809 people in Puerto Rico with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Puerto Rico have saved \$159,295,883 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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Medicare in Rhode Island, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Rhode Island in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 9 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 33% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 8 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 70,887 people in Rhode Island with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Rhode Island have saved \$23,712,113 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

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Medicare in South Carolina, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In South Carolina in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 39 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 38% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 8 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 401,765 people in South Carolina with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in South Carolina have saved \$99,899,929 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15.**
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Medicare in South Dakota, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In South Dakota in 2014:

- 97% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 7 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 24% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 10 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 57,574 people in South Dakota with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in South Dakota have saved \$19,082,135 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Tennessee, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Tennessee in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 48 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 37% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 11 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 448,704 people in Tennessee with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Tennessee have saved \$148,245,038 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

- Medicare beneficiaries should watch their mailboxes for the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook and for information from their current health or drug plan about changes they will see in 2014.

October

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Medicare in Texas, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Texas in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 141 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 36 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 37% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 11 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 1,315,657 people in Texas with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Texas have saved \$420,716,307 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Utah, 2014

The Affordable Care Act strengthens Medicare and helps beneficiaries take charge of their health. The law provides important benefits such as free preventive services, free annual wellness visits, and discounts and better coverage for prescription drugs for Medicare recipients in the coverage gap known as the “donut hole.”

Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Utah in 2014:

- 93% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 15 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 37 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 22% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 88,223 people in Utah with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Utah have saved \$39,721,968 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Vermont, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Vermont in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 17 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 40% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 8 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 56,201 people in Vermont with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Vermont have saved \$14,002,124 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Virginia, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Virginia in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 89 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 32% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 584,131 people in Virginia with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Virginia have saved \$157,108,035 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

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Medicare in Washington, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Washington in 2014:

- 99% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 76 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 35 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 30% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 12 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 354,366 people in Washington with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Washington have saved \$113,162,573 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in West Virginia, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In West Virginia in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 30 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 39 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 36% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 13 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 160,288 people in West Virginia with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in West Virginia have saved \$85,712,717 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Medicare in Wisconsin, 2014

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Medicare remains strong and beneficiaries will continue to be covered through the program. Whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, they’ll still have the same benefits and security they have now: they do not need to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Medicare is not part of the Marketplace, and Medicare eligibility rules are not changing.

In Wisconsin in 2014:

- 100% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 74 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 33 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 27% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
- 12 PDPs have a premium of \$0 for people who qualify for Extra Help

Plan costs and coverage change each year, so everyone with Medicare should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. There may be a Medicare health or drug plan available with better coverage or a lower premium in 2014.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more people with Medicare are seeing reduced costs – through both discounts on brand-name drugs in the Medicare Part D “donut hole” and a provision in the law that makes preventive services like mammograms and other cancer screenings available for free. 330,999 people in Wisconsin with Original Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service through August 2013. People with Medicare in Wisconsin have saved \$124,899,611 on prescription drugs in the Medicare Part D donut hole as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Important Dates in 2014

September

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October

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December

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Medicare in Wyoming, 2014

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In Wyoming in 2014:

- 42% of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan
- 3 Medicare Advantage plans available
- 34 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available
- 100% of people with Part D have access to a plan with lower premium than what they paid in 2013
- 25% of people with Medicare Part D get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS)
- \$12.60 is the lowest monthly premium for a prescription drug plan
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